

Two major awards headed to Belmont County

A third headed to Marietta in Washington County

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce three major grants from the U.S. Department of Education that will benefit Ohio's Sixth District. Both the Marietta Family YMCA in Washington County and the Shadyside Local School District in Belmont County have been selected to receive federal funding under the Carol M. White Physical Education Program. Bellaire Local School District in Belmont County is set to receive federal funding under the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grants Program.

Bellaire Local School District in Belmont County has been awarded \$631,915 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The Department of Education says, depending on available funding, that the grant could continue for a total of four years for overall funding of up to \$2.5 million. The Department reports that the purpose of the grant is “to provide students, schools and communities the benefit of enhanced comprehensive educational mental health, social services, law enforcement and, as appropriate, juvenile justice system services that can promote healthy children development and prevent violence and alcohol and other drug abuse.”

Shadyside Local School District in Belmont County will receive \$371,689 for the same fiscal period to expand or improve its physical education program. Based on available funding, this grant is anticipated to continue for a total of three years for potential total funding of up to \$1.1 million.

The Marietta Family YMCA at 300 North Seventh Street in Washington County will also receive a Physical Education Program grant in the amount of \$265,378 for the first year of the program with a potential three-year program total of up to \$796,000.

This series of notices comes on the heels of a recent Elementary and Secondary School Counseling award announcement to the Buckeye Local School District in Jefferson County for \$342,376 for the first year and up to \$1.02 million for the full three-year program.

“Congratulations to all of these fine programs,” Wilson said. “Educating our children and keeping them healthy is so important. I’m so proud of all of the fine work that our communities are doing to obtain these federal grants so that our children can benefit.”